

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for reducing the formation of and/or treating skin stretchmarks in a ~~women during or after pregnancy or after puberty person~~, comprising applying to ~~at least one area of skin comprising one or more stretchmarks a composition to areas of skin liable to form stretchmarks or having stretchmarks, including skin of the thighs, abdomen, breast, and a combination thereof, the composition comprising~~, in a suitable vehicle, at least one soya peptide.
2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the soya peptide is obtained by hydrolyzing a protein extracted from soya.
3. (Original) The method according to claim 2, wherein the soya peptide is obtained by fermenting the peptide.
4. (Original) The method according to claim 3, wherein the soya peptide is obtained by fermenting the peptide with a strain of *Lactobacillus*.
5. (Original) The method according to claim 3, wherein the soya peptide has a molecular weight of about 200 daltons to about 20,000 daltons.
6. (Original) The method according to claim 3, wherein the soya peptide has a molecular weight of about 800 daltons.
7. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the soya peptide is between about 0.1% and about 10% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.
8. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises at least one α -hydroxyacid.

9. (Original) The method according to claim 8, wherein the proportion of α -hydroxyacid is between 0.1% and about 20% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.
10. (Original) The method according to claim 8, wherein the α -hydroxyacid is lactic acid.
11. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises a compound for adjusting the pH to a value of between about 2 and about 4.
12. (Currently Amended) A method for reducing the formation of and/or treating skin stretchmarks in a ~~women during or after pregnancy or after puberty person~~, comprising applying to at least one area of skin comprising one or more stretchmarks a ~~composition to areas of skin liable to form stretchmarks or having stretchmarks, including skin of the thighs, abdomen, breast, and a combination thereof~~, the composition comprising, in a suitable vehicle, at least one tripeptide consisting essentially of the amino acids residues glycine, histidine, and lysine.
13. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 12, wherein the A method for reducing the formation of and/or treating skin stretchmarks in a person, comprising applying to at least one area of skin comprising one or more stretchmarks and/or an at least one area liable to form stretchmarks, a composition comprising, in a suitable vehicle, at least one tripeptide has having the sequence Gly-His-Lys, and the tripeptide is conjugated with acetic acid or acetate in the form of a complex with zinc.
14. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~12~~ 13, wherein the tripeptide is between about 0.1% and about 10% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.
15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~12~~ 13, wherein the composition further comprises at least one α -hydroxyacid.

16. (Original) The method according to claim 15, wherein the proportion of α -hydroxyacid is between 0.1% and about 20% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

17. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 12 13, wherein the composition further comprises lactic acid.

18. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 12 13, wherein the composition further comprises a compound for adjusting the pH to a value of between about 2 and about 4.

19. (Currently Amended) A method for reducing the formation of and/or treating skin stretchmarks in a ~~women during or after pregnancy or after puberty person~~, comprising applying a composition to areas of skin liable to form stretchmarks or having stretchmarks, ~~including skin of the thighs, abdomen, breast, and a combination thereof~~, the composition comprising, in a suitable vehicle, a mixture of at least one soya peptide and at least one tripeptide ~~consisting of the amino acids glycine, histidine, and lysine~~. selected from tripeptides wherein the tripeptide has the sequence Gly-His-Lys, and the tripeptide is conjugated with acetic acid or acetate in the form of a complex with zinc.

20. (New) A method for reducing the formation of and/or treating skin stretchmarks in a person, comprising applying to at least one area of skin comprising one or more stretchmarks and/or an at least one area liable to form stretchmarks, a composition comprising, in a suitable vehicle, at least one soya peptide and at least one tripeptide consisting essentially of the amino residues glycine, histidine, and lysine.

21. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more stretchmarks are a result selected from puberty, pregnancy, a gain in weight and mechanical stress.

22. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one area of skin is selected from skin of thighs, skin of abdomen, skin of breast and combinations thereof.

23. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein the one or more stretchmarks are a result selected from puberty, pregnancy, a gain in weight and mechanical stress.

24. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein the at least one area of skin is selected from skin of thighs, skin of abdomen, skin of breast and combinations thereof.